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FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, KE
SUBJECT: KENYATTA-KISSINGER MEETING

1. PERMSEC LEONARD KIBINGE (WHO FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES IS RUNNING MOFA WITH MINISTER WAIYAKI AWAY) INFORMED ME TODAY THAT SPEAKING FOR ALL OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S ADVISERS PRESENT AT YOUR SEPTEMBER 23 MEETING WITH KENYATTA, WISHED TO CORRECT ONE POINT: YOU ASKED KENYATTA HOW RELATIONS WERE WITH SOMALIA. KENYATTA REPLIED THEY WERE "GOOD...THEY HAVE NOT TRIED TO DO ANYTHING AGAINST US."

2. KIBINGE APOLIGIZED THAT OBVIOUSLY KENYATTA HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY BRIEFED ON THIS MATTER AND WAS UNPREPARED TO REPLY TO YOUR QUESTION. RELATIONS ARE NOT RPT NOT GOOD AND GOK DOES NOT WISH YOU TO BE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE. GOK REMAINS MOST CONCERNED WITH SOMALIA.

3. KIBINGE EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH MEETING, AS MINISTER OF STATE KOINANGE ALSO DID IN SEPARATE CONTACT WITH ME TODAY. KOINANGE SAID THAT KENYATTA FELT MEETING WAS "VERY, VERY, VERY GOOD." KIBINGE, REFERRING TO YOUR HAVING INITIATED SUBJECT OF KENYAN INTEREST IN REQUEST REGARDING OCTOBER 20 CELEBRATION, SAID THIS WAS FAR BETTER THAN HAVING PRESIDENT KENYATTA RAISE POINT.

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4. KIBINGE ADDED THAT KENYAN PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED AT

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PRESIDENT KENYATTA ACTING AS INTERPRETER FOR YOU AND THAT
THIS SHOWED KENYANS HIS EXTRAORDINARY REGARD FOR YOU
PERSONALLY AND RELATIONS WITH U.S. (YOUR SPEECH
AND TRANSLATION WAS PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON LOCAL
TELEVISION.)
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